



PREF PROPELLER

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SUPT.'S CORNER

By: Michael Lloyd, Superintendent

I have good news in two different areas this week. The first thing that I would like to announce is that I have been approved to build a community area in the center of the facility. This community area will include a covered picnic area complete with picnic tables. The picnic tables will be anchored in place so that they cannot be moved out of the area. They will be available for use in the evening which will hopefully solve the problem of men wanting to hang out in front of the housing units. This does not mean that men may hang out in front of the units until the project is completed, that is still forbidden. Also, to clarify, men will not hang out in front of the units at any time of day.

The second piece of good news that I have this week concerns a new program at PREF. PREF will be starting a Major Opportunities pre-apprenticeship program. The program is a collaboration of classroom training provided by IVY Tech and On-The-Job training completed while here at PREF. This program will begin on June 25. Residents are already being considered for participation in the program. Many factors are being taken into account for resident's participation in this program and not everyone will qualify. There will be twenty seats available for the first

class. If all goes well, and I'm sure it will, we hope to continue this program.

I'm very excited about both of these pieces of news. New programs that will make residents more marketable and skilled are always welcome, and the community area in the center of campus will hopefully add to the open type of environment that we are looking for. I hope that these developments are a testament to the fact that I am still looking for ways to improve and that we will continue to move forward. No matter how well we are doing, we can always improve. I'm proud of all of the staff and the tremendous job that you do. Residents: keep working hard and you will succeed.

DORM REP MEETING

By: Dalton Haney, PIO

You may have missed this article last week. The reason for the missing article is that the dorm rep meetings are only being held once every two weeks now. This should allow staff and residents alike to better prepare for when they do meet.

As promised, here are the results of the dorm rep meeting which occurred on Thursday, May 31, 2007:

The issue of overcrowding in the Dining Hall during lunch was discussed. Nothing official was decided, but good ideas were exchanged by both staff and residents. There is now plenty to discuss

when considering a final decision to resolve the lunch dilemma.

The other issue that was brought to attention by the dorm reps was the issue of PREF residents not receiving priority for Work Release. It was noted that Work Release is being managed by zip codes. Because of IDOC work release being located in Marion County, IDOC administration is attempting to place men from Marion County in work release. Sometimes there is deviation from this; however, this is the goal.

IBS/PREF HISTORY

By: William J. Seibold

The one student who stands above all others could not even speak English when he arrived at the Indiana Boy's School, yet he left a piece of heritage which stands today: "The Barefoot Boy."

In 1928 student Gabriel Garabal, 15, a Mexican boy with a bit of Aztec in his blood carved his piece of art. He had entered the country five years before. He could speak no English and therefore chose to skip school in the town of Gary. His truancy sent him to IBS. Under the system he had to attend school and through good effort on his part advanced from being a nonreader to the sixth grade level.

His talent was first recognized in the cement department when he used a rock and an old nail to carve the face of a woman. He made a reproduction piece titled "The Angelus." Looking at a medallion of Theodore Roosevelt in the school, he then proceeded to his workstation and carved a bust.

Gabriel also carved a bust of the famous Italian sculptor Donatello, and a bust of Abraham Lincoln. The Lincoln bust was presented to State Senator C.O.

Holmes of Gary on Tuesday, February 12, 1929, in the senate chamber. He began working with clay given to him by Supt. McGonagle. He then advanced to working with sandstone. His teacher M.V. Mason took Gabriel to the Bedford Stone Mills. Gabriel was given a 1,800 pound piece of Indiana limestone. Mr. Mason hauled it from Bedford. From this piece of stone he created "The Barefoot Boy."

A special program and presentation day was planned on the grounds. The Barefoot Boy was presented to Board of Control member Albert A. Snyder on Sunday, June 2, 1929, just days before Gabriel's release. Former Superintendent McGonagle, who had encouraged and helped the boy, presented Gabriel with a gold watch. In return, Gabriel promised never to be a truant again.

See the limestone carving of "The Barefoot Boy" at the front of PREF's campus, across from the Administration Building.

CULINARY ARTS

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

As of Monday May 21, 2007, the below listed individuals graduated the Culinary Arts Program as well as having passed the Serv Safe exam:

Don Hendrix

James Farmer

Charles Goolsby

Matthew Johnson

Wesley Pankow

Brian Anthony

Many congratulations to you gentlemen. It should be noted that none of these gentleman scored less than an 80% on the Final Course Exam, as well as the Serv Safe Exam. Don Hendrix scored the highest on the Serv Safe exam

(in the 90% range). An extra special congratulation goes out to Don Hendrix.

The class instructor, Mr. Brady deserves to be recognized for the hard work that he puts in on an everyday basis assuring that each and every one of his students maximizes his potential. The six graduates listed above of the Final Course Exam as well as the Serv Safe Exam is a direct result of the hard work mentioned.

Again, congratulations to all of the Final Course Exam and Serv Safe Exam graduates, and best wishes to you all in all of your future endeavors in the culinary field or otherwise.

SPORTS

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

Listed below are the results of the Memorial Day weekend tournaments, competitions, contests and other activities:

Frisbee Throw

1st Place – Mr. Merriman

2nd Place – Mr. Rice

Softball Throw

1st Place – Mr. Hill

2nd Place – Mr. Clayton

Horseshoe Throw

1st Place – Mr. Lot & Mr. Blevins

2nd Place – Mr. Curl & Mr. Young

Free-Throw Contest

1st Place – Mr. Santiago

2nd Place – Mr. Jones

3-Point Contest

1st Place – Mr. McKnight

2nd Place – Mr. Hudson

40-Yard Dash

1st Place – Mr. Maxey

2nd Place – Mr. Smith

100-Yard Dash

1st Place – Mr. Dillon

2nd Place – Mr. Jacobs

2-Mile Run

40 & over

1st Place – Mr. Spratt

1st Place – Mr. Wickam

2nd Place – Mr. Heuser

50 & over

1st Place – Mr. Caldwell

4 Man Volleyball Tournaments

1st Place – Mr. Merriman, Jefferson,

Cashdollar & Dillon

2nd Place – Mr. Taylor, Reed, Gunn & Clayton

Many thanks to Rec., Supervisor, Mr. Rogers, and his rec. workers for putting it all together. Thanks as well to the participants and spectators for making this program a success.

OPINION COLUMN

Topic: The state of Indiana losing the bid to host the 2011 Superbowl, and what, if anything can be done to better ensure that the state wins the next bid?

I have nothing against professional sports or sponsoring teams here in Indianapolis. However, I am quite aware of the fact that resources are always limited, and we need to determine where funds can best be utilized by the state and local governments. For example, while many are enthralled by a new stadium, the reality is that no stadium built in the last 35 years has paid for itself. They end up being sink holes in which to throw money that could be better used elsewhere to actually improve the bottom line for state employers.

What will a Super Bowl do for me or you personally? Could you afford the tickets to go? I know I can't. Would it bring improved roadways, more long-term public venues, or long term salaries to the community? So, except for a group of people that can afford \$2000 tickets, or those who own/run hotels and

restaurants downtown, there is negligible long range affect on the community.

While Ford, GM and other Indiana companies are struggling, I think it unwise for our state to provide any more funds to try and obtain a Super Bowl. The millions that a Super Bowl brings in are few and brief, and tend to go to a few hands. Imagine if, instead of building a new \$600 million-plus stadium, we had spent that money on infrastructure and bringing businesses into Indiana! We would have improved every Hoosier's pocket book, not just those of a construction company and a few sports celebrities' already huge salaries.

-Gerald Smith, Classification Specialist

I would have really liked for Indiana to win the bid to host the 2011 Superbowl for a couple of reasons. #1. I would have had a better chance of going, and it would have given the state as well as the city of Indianapolis (where I'm from) major publicity.

For those that don't know, Texas won the bid. And they pretty much won due to the fact that they will have more seats in their new stadium than we will have in ours, which means that they'll be able to bring in more money than we would have.

What Indiana can do to try to win the next bid for the Superbowl is offer more than just the stadium to the committee as a selling point, such as, better lodging than other states and other attractions geared towards entertainment.

- Dwight Cobbs #891991

The state lost the bid because our stadium will hold 25,000 less people than Texas. Plus, Texas had donations of millions and millions of dollars on top of what the state already offered.

Yes, Indiana had first pick on the super bowl, but we, as Hoosiers were not on the same stature as Texas, financially.

I believe that Indiana should maybe start raising money or a donation process so Hoosiers could try and insure the next bid, but if we were to lose the next bid and have the donations still at hand, we could use the money for our state. Such as education, homeless communities, street, plumbing, or what the state would be lacking. Therefore, either way we win. Moreover, it gives the people more control; or at least a better stronger voice.

- Robert Harmon #108754

Next week's topic: Banning pit bull terriers.

JOB OPENINGS

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

Here is a list of jobs that are currently available:

Sanitation:

- Stegemiller – 1 full time / 1 part time (GED)
- Young
- Tanner
- Vocational Bldg/Physical Plant

Substance Abuse Clerk

Concrete Crew

Lt. Maxey's Crew

Outside Fence Jobs:

- IYC Warehouse (requires 1-O) – 2 positions open
- IYC Flooring and Fencing Crew (1-O/1-R) – 4 positions open

Any resident interested in any of the above listed jobs, contact Mr. Smith, Classification Specialist III, located in Johnston/Walsh.

PREF MUSIC PROGRAM

By: Troy Mann

There are numerous educational and “self-improvement” programs available to the PREF residents here at the facility. Probably, many of us take these programs for granted, even some of us who are participants. And probably, most residents are not aware that many of these programs are administered entirely by community volunteers, and would subsequently not be possible but for that time and effort so selflessly and generously given. Given by people who could so easily spend their free time in ways other than trying to help those incarcerated, who cannot do these things for themselves.

Robert Groves is one such person, a volunteer benefactor who never seems to seek or expect reward for his many contributions. Mr. Groves, known simply as “Bob” to PREF music clerks and students, is a man who has worn many hats in life. Air Force Veteran, Business Executive, Corporate Manager/Director, Consultant, University Lecturer, Pilot, and Flight Instructor... space constraints permit only a rough overview of this man’s lifetime achievements and accomplishments.

Thanks largely to the efforts of Mr. Groves, PREF has a Music Department. Residents musically inclined can attend music theory classes, watch music videos, and practice playing instruments provided through Mr. Groves’ contacts in the outlying community. Without Bob Groves, the music program at the facility would not exist as we know and enjoy it.

Working under the tutelage of Bob Groves are several music clerks who labor diligently to manage, facilitate and improve the facility music program. One such clerk, Tim Graham, personally

campaigning for months to persuade PREF Administrative Staff to permit the relocation of the program from the community services office to its present location in the White Chapel. Previously there was but one room available for musical endeavors; with the move to the chapel however, improvements to the program include:

- Residents assuming ownership of the program.
- More space to utilize present equipment.
- Increased membership due to additional space & equipment available.
- Additional equipment has been received [i.e.: speakers, sound board, microphones, and a variety of percussion items].
- More space to specialize in individual instruction.
- Additional space permits band formation & practice.
- More practice time now available to participants.
- Better organization (computer/inventory, records, accountability, better resource management).
- Three new curriculums developed for teaching/instruction.
- Resident music students are now able to perform for chapel services.

Credit must be given to all who have worked hard to help make the expansion of the music program possible, and who continue to work for the men at the facility – let’s have a round of recognitional applause for music clerks Brenton Jordan, Tim Graham, Matt Scheckel, James Gunn, Stephen Coomer & Cory Settle. And again, an especially heartfelt expression of thanks and gratitude go to our volunteer, mentor, friend and patron, Robert Groves.

JUST A THOUGHT

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

The greatest thing in this world is not
so much where we are, but in what
direction we are moving

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

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